GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS UNDER HILL AREA DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the funds allocated to Tamil Nadu State under Hill Area Development Scheme are not sufficient since it has huge hill areas;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to increase funds allocated for the purpose; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a): Special Central Assistance (SCA) under theHill Areas Development Programme/ Western Ghats Development Programmeis additive to Normal State Plan funds and is allocated to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in order to ensure ecologically sustainable socio − economic development of the designated hill areas.

(b): The allocation to a particular designated hill area / western ghats taluka depends upon the allocation for the programme as a whole. During the Ninth Planperiod, the allocation for the Hill Areas Development Programme / Western GhatsDevelopment Programme has increased from Rs. 352.00 crore in 1997-98 to Rs. 400 crore in 2000-01. The allocation for the hill areas of Tamil Nadu has correspondingly increased from Rs. 19.62 crore to Rs. 22.01 crore while the allocationfor the designated talukas under the Western Ghats Development Programme in Tamil Nadu has increased from Rs. 8.00 crore to Rs. 10.94 crore.

(c): Does not arise.